Activities of Agricultural Universities

1106. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agriculture Universities presently functioning in Southern States of the country, State-wise and University-wise;

(b) how many of these Universities are having research project on horticulture and floriculture which have abundant potential in the southern region, University-wise; and

(c) how the research outcome is percolating to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Following Agriculture Universities are presently functioning in the Southern States of the country:—

(i) Kerala: Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur

(ii) Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore

(iii) Karnataka: 1. University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

2. University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad

(iv) Andhra Pradesh: Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad

(b) All the above five Agricultural Universities are having research projects on horticulture and floriculture.

(c) The research outcome is published in the form of 'Package of Practices' and disseminated to the farmers through the respective State Department of Agriculture and Horticulture. The transfer of technology is also done through on farm trails, conducting farmers day, organizing trainings to the farmers, and through electronic and print media. The universities are also producing seeds and planting material of improved varieties on limited scale for supply to the farmers.